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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the prosecution of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments:

Amendments

In the Specification

Page 4, line 18, please delete "230 amino acids" and replace therefor --223 amino acids--.

Page 4, line 20, please delete "207 amino acids" and replace therefor --223 amino acids--.

Page 4, line 26, please delete "acid 207" and replace therefor --acid 223--.

Please replace the sequence listing pages 40-42 as originally filed with the sequence listing submitted herewith pages 40-44 and renumber the remaining pages of the specification, claims and abstract accordingly.

In the Drawings:

Please replace Figures 1 and 2 with the enclosed Figures 1 and 2.

Remarks

Formal drawings are submitted herewith (FIG. 1 and FIG. 2).

Support for the Secondary Preliminary Amendment to the specification is found at page 4, lines 12-14 and original claims 3 and 12. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants submit herewith a Declaration of Donna Dimke under 35 U.S.C. § 1.132.

Paragraphs 3-5 of the Declaration clearly (1) identify the cDNA clone first sequenced to arrive at the sequences disclosed in the application as filed, (2) connect the clone that was originally